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Situation Report

Severe Storms with Tornadoes

May 8, 2003

Governor Bob Holden surveyed the damages in Eastern Missouri on Wednesday, May 7, 2003. Hardest hit in Tuesday nights storm were Desoto, Missouri (Jefferson County) and Jackson, Missouri (Cape Girardeau County). Governor Holden is requesting that the counties hit in Tuesday's storms be included in the disaster declaration that was announced earlier in the day on Tuesday. For details of damage, please go to the County Reports section. There were no deaths and serious injuries resulting from these storms.

County Reports:

(Note: This listing of counties reflect only those that have reported their damages to SEMA. Further reports are anticipated from other affected counties.)

Please Note: Counties names reporting damages from May 6th Storms are in Bold-Faced Type.

Barton County: No changes reported.

Bollinger County: No changes reported

Camden County: No changes reported

<u>Cape Giradeau County:</u> City of Jackson has removed 68,892 pounds of debris. All roads are open. America Red Cross is working at the recovery center – 10 new cases opened. Immaculate Conception Church – ARC shelter has 3 people overnight (6thMay) and they were expecting more last night.95-98% of power restored. Salvation Army has provided about 500 meals.

Cass County: No changes reported

<u>Cedar County:</u> Power has been restored to the City of Stockton. Release of Missouri National Guard resources recommended by local officials.

Christian County: No changes reported

<u>Clay County:</u> Final Damage Assessment Summary – 18 injuries – 100 evacuated, 3 hospitalized and 7 sheltered. Single family homes (SFH) - 131 destroyed, 266 major damage, 435 minor damaged.

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95% of SFH were insured. Multi-family homes – 98 with major damage and 104 with minor damage. 45% were insured. No mobile home damage. All of this damage occurred May 4th.

<u>Cole County:</u> Most damage reported in Osage Bend area of county. 60 homes with moderate to severe damage. Area also suffering from sporadic power outages. Major problem will be debris removal.

<u>Dallas County</u>: No changes reported.

<u>Franklin County</u>: Gerald/Leslie area – many large trees severely damaged. One home on Shotwell Road damaged (roof). St. Clair/Moselle area – downed trees and hail damage with some flooding. Union – minor wind and hail damage. New Haven, Washington, Sullivan, and Pacific – reported some minor damage only. DNR-EER reported a propane leak from a storage area in St. Clair, they dispatched teams and transferred the fuel to a tanker truck.

Greene County: No changes reported.

<u>Jackson County:</u> No changes reported.

Jasper County: No changes reported

<u>Jefferson County</u>: City of Desoto and surrounding area report the following damages: Single Family Homes – 6 destroyed; 27 with major damage and 111 with minor damage. Mobile Homes – 1 destroyed, 2 with major damage and 2 with minor damage. At the Desoto Junior High School gymnasium roof collapsed. Elementary school suffered damage.

Johnson County: No changes reported

<u>Lawrence County:</u> No changes reported

Moniteau County: No changes reported

<u>Osage County:</u> Several home and outbuildings have been damaged. Roofs missing or damaged by trees. Power was out through large portion of the county.

<u>Pettis County:</u> Numerous agriculture related buildings were damaged/destroyed. Cattle scattered and missing.

Platte County: No changes reported.

Phelps County: No changes reported

Polk County: No changes reported

<u>Pulaski County:</u> 40 houses with some damage including 2 destroyed, 13 with major damage, and 25 with minor damage. Most were insured. 1 Church and 1 business were damaged. All roads are open now. No deaths or injuries reported.

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Scott County: 25 residences and 15 commercial properties suffered water damage. Lots of debris being removed from streets.

<u>Washington County</u>: Widespread damage from winds. Lots of debris in roads including two bridges washed out. Condition of homes and business not available at press time.

<u>SEMA Actions:</u> SEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment teams were dispatched to eastern Missouri to determine if those counties could be added to the Disaster Declaration of May 6, 2003 (1463 DR – MO which is for damages of May 4, 2003). Governor Holden requested SEMA to coordinate the adding of counties to the previous declaration.

<u>FEDERAL/STATE Actions:</u> FEMA's Regional Operations Center in Kansas City remains open to assist the States of Missouri and Kansas. FEMA officials are coordinating with SEMA to open a Disaster Field Office to better coordinate recovery efforts for those counties already declared. FEMA Teleregistration are now taking applications for Individual Assistance in the declared counties. Anyone who suffered losses in Sunday's storms (whether insured or not) should register with FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

Other State Agency Actions:

Department of Corrections: Corrections has provided inmates from Ozark Correctional Center in Fordland, Mo.; South Central Correctional Center in Licking, Mo.; and Camp Hawthorne in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. to assist around the state in cleaning up areas damage by the storms. Some of the communities they are working in include Montreal, Stockton, Pierce City, Polk County, Christian County and Dallas County.

Department of Natural Resources: *Environmental Emergency Response* responded to a hazardous material incident in Franklin County. Their *Environmental Assistance Office* has been addressing the debris removal and permit process for burning debris and other environmental issues. *DNR – State Parks* have been cleaning up their parks from Tuesday damages. Several State Parks did suffer damage, among them are Ha Ha Tonka at Lake of the Ozarks, Stockton State Park and Prairie State Park in Pierce City.

Department of Health and Human Services: DOHSS has been assisting communities in testing water and monitoring health conditions in disaster areas.

Department of Pubic Safety: *Missouri State Highway Patrol & Missouri Water Patrol* have resumed normal operations but continue to provide assistance to local communities on an as-needed basis.

Department of Social Services: *Social Services – Division of Family Services* are assisting in the coordination of mass care and supporting community collaboration efforts.

Department of Transportation: MODOT has provided support to local communities though debris removal assistance.

Actions of Human Services Organizations and Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster:

Spontaneous volunteers and emergent organizations are active in affected communities. Efforts to support coordination of simultaneous operations through community collaboration are underway. The Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership, MOVOAD, local VOADs / Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs) and Citizen Councils are attempting to support the collaboration, communication, coordination and cooperation between local, state and national level human services organization, operations and resources. Several of the most hard hit counties have pre-existing

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community coalitions that have successfully begun addressing human services and recovery needs. SEMA in partnership with MOVOAD, AmeriCorps, Red Cross, The Salvation Army, faith based organizations, local emergency management, University Outreach and Extension, and other organizations are identifying lead agencies and critical recovery functions community by community. Many local, State and national private organizations are collecting and distributing resources and funds.

Red Cross is strengthening its rapidly growing national level Disaster Relief Operation – which will at least be a Level IV (out of five) operation. The statewide headquarters for this operation will be in Springfield.

The Red Cross, Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief are strengthening and expanding mobile and/or fixed mass feeding programs in all of the most seriously affected areas throughout Missouri - including areas affected by Tuesday's storms. A coordination meeting occurred Wednesday afternoon.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief have deployed numerous chainsaw teams for debris removal. Mennonite Disaster Services has deployed debris clearance teams to affected areas. United Methodist Committee on Relief and Church World Services have deployed coordination staff to affected areas to assess needs and resources and mobilizing funds and staff. Other faith based organizations continue to identify needs and deploy staff to affected areas. Humane Society of the United States and Emergency Animal Rescue Services are assessing and addressing animal welfare needs.

Two sectors within the state for donations operations are being established. Several warehouses are being secured for managing donations:

- The Salvation Army is setting up a multi-agency warehouse at 1110 East Truman in Kansas City, MO and a distribution center at 59th Terrace and North Oak in Kansas City, North. The Salvation Army will manage donations for the Greater Kansas City area. Donors can call the The Salvation Army Helpline at 816-221-1525 for information.
- The Emergency Management Director for Polk County is setting up a warehouse in Bolivar to serve the Southwest Missouri counties. Bottles of water and Gatorade, and prepackaged snack food are requested. Donations of used clothing will not be accepted at this time. A donations management phone bank is being planned at this time. Its locations is to be determined.

Shelter Situation:

Open Shelters:

- Aurora First Baptist Church day use only ARC
- Cape Girardeau Three Centers opened in Jackson, MO. ARC
- Monett Liberty United Methodist Church ARC
- Battlefield First Baptist Church ARC
- Stockton First Baptist Church ARC
- Carl Junction High School ARC
- Pierce City St. Mary's Church ARC

Shelters on Standby:

Humansville – High School - ARC

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• Billings – High School - ARC

<u>Forecast:</u> Severe thunderstorms entered Missouri early this morning. National Weather Service expects a potential for severe thunderstorms and possible super cell development in the western half and north of I-70 in Missouri. Omaha, Tulsa and Kansas City can expect severe weather this afternoon. Highs in the 70's with rain and storms throughout the state as a front developed over the state in the overnight. This front will react with Gulf moisture to provide plenty of moisture to work with. Another round of storms are expected on Saturday throughout the day and night into Sunday morning. Local & State officials are reminded that the atmospheric situation in unstable and very fluid, people should pay attention to one of the many media outlets for the most current weather information.

<u>Deaths by County (Confirmed)</u> – No Changes

Barton County – 1 Camden County – 3 Cedar County – 3 Christian County – 1 Dallas County - 2 Greene County - 1 Jasper County - 2 Lawrence County – 5

Total - 18

National Guard Activation

Pierce City - 40 soldiers for security mission Stockton – 7 soldiers for electrical assistance (reduced from 15 to 7) Jefferson County – 4 soldiers for security mission (New assignment) Reassigned and enroute to Pierce City – 4 soldiers

Total - 55

Missions were completed at Gladstone, Battlefield, Marionville and Desoto.

Mutual Aid No changes reported.

<u>Points of Contact</u>: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.